

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment cancels Claim 19 without prejudice and adds new Claim 22. Upon amendment, the above-identified application will have three independent claims (Claims 1, 21, and 22) and 20 total claims (Claims 1-8, 10-18, and 20-22). Therefore, no fee for excess claims is due.

Support for new Claim 22 can be found in, inter alia, the originally filed application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider Claims 1-8, 10-18, and 20-22 on the merits. Claims 1-8, 10-18, and 20-22 overcome the prior art because these claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of the amended application is respectfully requested. It is submitted that the claims of record are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

This response cancels Claim 19 and adds new Claim 22. The cancellation and addition described in the preceding sentence were done to claim the scope of the invention that the Applicants choose to claim and were not done to overcome the prior art. The cancellation and addition described in the first sentence of this paragraph shall not be considered necessary to overcome the prior art.

The Applicants reserve the right to seek protection for any unclaimed subject matter either subsequently in the prosecution of the present case or in a divisional or continuation application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0415. In particular, if this preliminary amendment is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this preliminary amendment as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this preliminary amendment timely filed; and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to Deposit Account No. 12-0415.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JITZ' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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